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SUBJECT: OAU MINISTERIAL VIII-- JULY 1

REF: LIBREVILLE 1650 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: OAU CM PLENARY DODGED NON-INTERVENTION ISSUE JUNE 30 BY REFERRING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS TO SPECIALLY-CREATED COMMITTEE. COMMITTEES COMPLETED REPORTS FOR SUMMIT, BUT PLENARY BOGGED DOWN JULY 1 OVER WORDING OF AGENDA ITEM ON LIBYAN/CHADIAN DISPUTE AND IS CONTINUING SESSIONS MORNING JULY 2. END SUMMARY.

1. PLEAARY ENDED DEBATE ON CONFLICTING NON-INTERVENTION RESOLUTIONS LATE EVEINGN JUNE 30 BY CREATING COMMITTEE OF TEN TO STUDY PROBLEM AND REPORT BACK EITHER TO SUMMIT OR TO NEXT MINISTERIAL. (OPPOSING DRAFTS ARE FROMMOROCCO AND FROMALGERIA/SENEGAL TOGETHER, RATHER THAN FROM LATTER TWO AS ERRONEOSLYREPORTED LIBREVILLE 1646.) COMMITTEE TO COMPRIMSE LIBYA, TOGO, GHANA, CAPE VERDE, GABON, CHAD, MOZAMBIQUE, AND REPRESENTATIVE FROMEAST AFRICA STILL TO BE DESIGNATIED, PLUS MEMBERS SUBMITTING
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RESOLUTIONS (WHICH MAYMEAN ELEVN MEMBERS).

2. SEPARTATE BUT RELATED NIGERIAN PROPOSAL (LIBREVILLE 1646) WOULD EXPAND POWERS OF OAU SYG BY PERMITTING HIM TO LOOK INTO INTERSTATE CONFLICTS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT OF CONCERNED PARTIES. THUS, IT WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF OAU CHARTER, AND FOR THIS REASON REPORTEDLY WILL BE

DISCUSSED BY SUMMIT.

3. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEES AND PLEANARY ENGAGED JULY 1 IN CONTENTIOUS AND LABORIOUS PROCESS OF DRAFTING THEIR REPORTS AND PREPARING AGENDA FOR SUMMIT. BOTH COMMITTEES COMPLETED WORK ON REPORTS, BUT PLEARY BOGGED DOWN EARLY OVER WORDING OF AGENDA ITEM FOR SUMMIT ON CHAD/LIBYAN DISPUTE REORTED LIBREVILLE 1646, WITH CHADIANS INSISTING ON USE OF WORD "AGGRESSION" AND LIBYANS SEEKING MORE NEUTRAL FORMULATION. SOURCES ADD THAT CHADIANS WERE SEEMINGLY MOVING TOWARD COMPROMISE DURING EARLY AFTERNNON, BUT STIFFENDED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF CHIEF OF STATE MALLOUM WHO EVIDENTLY GAVE ORDERS TO REVERT TO INFLEXIBLE STANCE. HEATED DEBATE ON THIS PONT LASTED UNTIL 6:00AM JULY 2 WITHOUT RESOLUTION AND WAS SCHEDULED TO RESUME LATER SAME MORNING.

4. PLENARY ALSO REGISTERED RESERVATIONS TO EARLIER ENDORSEMENT OF NIGER AND GABON FOR AFRICAN SEATS ON SECURITY COUNCIL. NIGERIA CHALLENGED FORMER AND CHAD ENTERED RESERVATION ON RECOMMENDATION OF GABON. MATTER EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED DURING SUMMIT BY CHIEFS OF STATE CONCERNED.

5. COMMENT: FAILURE OF PLENARY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NON-INTERVENTAION RESOLUTION AFTER TWO DAYS OF DEBATE
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UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE BOTH MODERATES AND RADICIALS ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE. WHILE SUMMIT WILL BE FACED WITH SEVERAL CASES OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT ANY OVERALL RESOLUTION WILL BE ACCEPTED. MATTER WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO AWAIT ACTION BY NEXT CM MEETING. OUTCOME WAS VICTORY FOR NEITHER MODERATES NOR RADICALS AND DECISION NO DOUBT REFLECTS DESIRE TO LEAVE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE TO THE EXPERTS FOR MOMENT. STEIGMAN

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